to serve bravely, is to come halting off, you know: To come off the breach with his pike bent bravely, and to surgery bravely; to venture upon the charged chambers[6] bravely:-

DOL. Hang yourself, you muddy conger, hang yourself *!

HOST. By my troth, this is the old fashion; you two never meet, but you fall to some discord: you are both, in good troth, as rheumatick[7] as two dry

* Folio omits this speech.

" It has a comely length, and is well studded
"With *gems* of price; the goldsmith would give money
for't." STEEVENS.

[6] «— the charged CHAMBERS —] To understand this quibble, It is necessary to say, that a *chamber* signifies not only an apartment, but a *piece of ordnance*.

So, in The Fleire, a comedy, 1610: " — he has taught my ladies to make fireworks: they can deal in *chambers* already, as well as all the gunners that make them fly off with a train at Lambeth, when the mayor and aldermen land at Westminster."

Again, in The Puritan, 1605: "— only your *chambers* are licensed to play upon you, and drabs enow to *avoeire* to them."

A *chamber* is likewise that part in a mine where the powder is lodged. STEEVENS.

Chambers are very small pieces of ordnance, which are yet used in London on what are called *rejoicing days*, and were sometimes used in our author's theatre on particular occasions. See King Henry VIII. Act I. Sc. III. MALONE.

7 —rheumatick—] She would say splenetick. HANMER.

I believe she means what she says. So, in Ben Jonson's Every Man in his Humour:

" *Coh.* Why I have my *relume*, and can be angry."

Again, in our author's King Henry V: " He did in some sort handle women; but then he was *rheumaticky*," &c.

Rheumatick, in the cant language of the times, signified *capricious*, *humoursome*. In this sense it appears to be used. In many other old plays. STEEVENS.

The word *scorbutico* (as an ingenious friend observes to me) is used in the same manner in Italian, to signify a *peevish* ill-tempered man. MALONE.

Dr. Farmer observes, that Sir Thomas Elyott in his Castell of Helth 1572 speaking of different *complexions* has the following remark: "Where cold with moisture prevaileth [illegible] that body is called *Jkumatick*." STEEVENS.